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RIGHT HON. ARTHUR J. BALFOUR, THE BRITISH PREMIER. HIS PARTY WAS DEFEATED IN A VOTE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TAKEN YESTERDAY.

County To Pay Cash By Discounting Warrant To Its Employees

PRISON LABOR IN QUARRIES ADVISED

Standing committees of the Oahu County Board of Supervisors were at last night's meeting of the Board announced by Chairman Geo. W. Smith, as follows:

Committee on Ways and Means—Archer and Moore.

Committee on Public Expenditures—Adams and Paele.

Committee on roads, bridges, parks and public improvements—Lucas and Adams.

Committee on Police Department—Adams and Cox.

Committee on Fire Department—Lucas and Cox.

Committee on Sanitation and Health—Moore and Archer.

Superintendent of Public Works C. S. Holloway wrote acknowledging receipt of resolutions of the Board relative to setting aside money for Kapiolani Park and the electric light works.

An application was received from one S. K. Manuwao, who wanted a job as night watchman at one of the public parks. Referred to Committee on Roads.

Supervisor-at-large E. R. Adams had a resolution to offer, as follows:

Sale of Warrant.

"Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oahu: That the County Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate the sale of the Territorial Warrant to be issued by the Auditor of the Territory of Hawaii to the Treasurer of the County of Oahu on the last legal day of July, 1905, as provided in sub-division 1 of Section 1 of Act 93 of the Session Laws of 1905, at a discount for cash of one-third of one per cent.

"And the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay out of the proceeds of the sale of the said warrant the said discount of one-third of one per cent, taking a proper voucher therefor and submitting same to this Board for approval and appropriation."

County to Pay Cash.

Treasurer Trent stated that he thought he could discount the warrant to be received at the rate named in the resolution. If the warrant could be discounted by the County, in his way, employees could be paid in cash; they would not have to discount their individual warrants. It would cost the County not more than \$100 and save something like \$600.

The following opinion by the County Attorney was read by Clerk Kalauokalani:

"In response to your communication as to whether the Territorial Auditor has the right to prescribe the form of books to be kept in the county offices, I beg to state that Section 85 of the County Act undoubtedly rests this power in the Territorial Auditor. The duty is imposed upon the Territorial Auditor of instituting a uniform system throughout the several counties, and of prescribing a form of books to be kept by each county officer."

The opinion was placed on file.

Resolution Adopted.

There was some discussion on the resolution to discount the County warrant.

Supervisor Moore asked if the Treasurer was prepared to state that he could discount the warrant at one-third of one per cent and arrange the matter.

Adams hoped the resolution would be passed.

The Chair thought the resolution should be referred to the Committee

on Public Expenditures.

Treasurer Trent suggested that the committee retire and report later. The resolution was thereupon referred to the Committee. It was suggested that the committee could consider the question without leaving the room. It was then remarked that the committee could not hold a meeting while the Board was in session. The committee then got together and the Board took a recess until the committee should report. The committee reported back favorably and the resolution was adopted.

Road Work Contracts.

Supervisor Lucas wanted to know if the County Attorney if the road department would have the right to incur an expense of \$500 without calling for bids.

"What does road work mean?" asked Adams, "work actually done on the road or the purchase of mules, etc.?"

Douthitt thought it referred to road work, work on the road. Lucas asked that the attorney furnish the Board with a written opinion on the point involved. Offhand Douthitt thought sums of \$500 or more could be spent by the road department, without calling for bids, but he preferred to have time to give a formal opinion.

Sam Johnson, being referred to, said that "road work" referred to supplies as well as work on the road.

Ordinance for Curbing.

Lucas said that it frequently happened that road work was accomplished without any curbing being put in. He thought it would be to the interest of the County to move in the matter of asking property owners to curb their property after a road was completed. An ordinance should pass requesting that property owners put in curbing. Moore thought the ordinance should be a command, not a request.

Lucas said the County Attorney should look into the matter. The attorney was asked to draw an ordinance requiring property owners to curb on improved roads. Archer and Paele voted against the proposed ordinance, believing that it was the Territory's place to do the curbing.

Prison Quarry Labor.

Supervisor Moore spoke on the employment of citizens in the quarries. If convict labor was going to cost the County anything extra, he would be against the employment of prison labor. In using convict labor in the quarries no citizen was going to be done out of any work, for there was only so much money for so much work, anyway. Convicts were driven and did more work than others would. If the High Sheriff of the Territory would give the County plenty of convicts to work in the quarries, there would be a great deal of work done.

Chairman Smith said he was opposed to the use of convict labor, as a matter of principle.

Adams said he could take 20 men at \$1.50 per day, citizens, and beat the convicts at the job of rock breaking, though there were forty convicts at work.

Prison Work Better.

Smith asked Sam Johnson what he considered the best quarry labor.

Johnson said most of the prisoners on quarry work had been at stone breaking for a long time and were experts. The prisoners could do better work in the quarries than could citizens.

Moore said if the County was going to pay citizen labor let it be for working on the street; no free man ought

CONSUL REQUESTS

INVESTIGATION OF

WAIPAHU SHOOTING

Chinese Consul Chang Tso Fan has written the Attorney General regarding the death of Chong Choy Fat, who was killed in a gambling raid made at Ewa April 9, 1905, by the police. After going over the facts of the case the Consul writes as follows:

"I communicated with Mr. Wm. Henry, High Sheriff of the Territory of Hawaii on the subject, and his reply was to the effect 'that the Coroner's Jury made all efforts to fasten the responsibility on the guilty person but failed. During the time that the inquest was in session, I was present, and one of the witnesses at the said inquest testified that the said Chong Choy Fat stated in the presence of several other persons before dying that a man on horseback had shot him. According to the testimonials given by various witnesses, it was proven that no one was on horseback excepting the police who raided the place and therefore it must be the police who did the shooting. Under these circumstances and as the matter has been kept in abeyance for a period of more than three months, no word has ever been heard from the Police Department of the arrest of any one who did the shooting. I therefore respectfully request that you will be good enough to carefully look into the matter and use your best legal efforts to fasten the responsibility on the guilty person or persons, so that he or they may be dealt with according to law."

Attorney General Andrews replied as follows:

"Your favor of July 9th duly received and in reply I would state that we have had for sometime, under investigation the matter of which you speak. It seems that there was considerable perjury committed at the hearing of the Coroner's inquest of which crime two of the witnesses have already been indicted through the efforts of this office, and it is hoped that at their trial further developments will be elicited as to the real cause of the death of Chong Choy Fat."

"We would be very glad of any assistance which your Consulate can offer in this matter in the hunting down of the person guilty of the killing. Whether it should develop that it was a public official or some irresponsible person would make no difference in his prosecution by this office."

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to be put to breaking rock for a living; let the citizens be worked on the street and the convicts in the quarries.

Johnson said there were not enough convicts to go around for all the quarry work.

Adams said he understood that convicts from the other islands would be brought to Honolulu; they might be used.

To Settle on Forms.

Auditor Bicknell wanted to know what was going to be done about forms to be used in the office business of the County.

Adams said the Territorial Auditor had prescribed certain forms to be used. These forms were those issued under the defunct County Act. Attorney Douthitt declared that the Territorial Auditor had no right or power to prescribe something beyond his prescriptive power. The Territorial Auditor could prescribe the form of procedure, but the defunct form was not according to the new act. The old act provided that the forms, filled out, should be sworn to, whereas the new act made no provision for swearing to blanks after being made out.

Lucas moved that a special committee of two, Archer and Moore, be appointed to wait on the Territorial Auditor and learn from him his intentions in the premises, to satisfactorily arrange the affair. Carried.

Shooting Regulations.

Lucas moved that the County Attorney draw an ordinance to regulate shooting and the carrying of firearms. Douthitt said the matter was covered by Territorial law. Lucas' motion carried, nevertheless.

A resolution for \$500 for August for Koolau-poko roads, by Paele, was referred to the Committee on Roads. Several road communications were also referred to this committee.

Treasurer Trent reported that he had been served with a garnishment in behalf of E. C. Waterhouse against Peter Correa, a fire department employee, for \$38.90. Moore said the debt was old. The matter was placed on file. John Reddy brought garnishment against W. W. Boyd, also of the fire department, for \$33.18. Placed on file.

The Board adjourned until Thursday next at 7:30 p. m.

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